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I remember writing in a grade school composition that I wanted to be a wizard when I grew up. Being a manga artist now, I do feel a little like a wizard. Joy!

— Yoshiyuki Nishi

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Hanao Ebisu (Ebisu)

Judge and Goryo's former underling, fired after his failure during the showdown against Muhyo at the haunted apartments.



Daranimaru Goryo (Goryo)

An Executor and gifted strategist who considers Muhyo his rival. Head of the Goryo Group syndicate.



Reiko Imai

Brave judge who joined Muhyo and gang during the fight against Face-Ripper Sophie.



Tomas

Member of the forbidden magic law group "Ark." He has a twisted appreciation for beauty.



The Story

Magic law is a newly established practice for judging and punishing the increasing crimes committed by spirits; those who use it are called "practitioners."

After Muhyo forces him to go on leave, Roji participates in a Magic Law Academy retreat. The retreat turns into mayhem when powerful ghosts attack, but Roji prevails. Meanwhile, Muhyo seeks to form a contract with one of the lords of the underworld, Pluto, for which he must impress Pluto with his worth and power. Muhyo succeeds, but it wasn't easy. Muhyo and Roji are reunited, both surer of their own abilities than before. They'll need all they can muster to face the looming shadow of forbidden magic law.

Nana Takenouchi (Nana)



High school student, spirit medium and aspiring photographer. Working as an assistant photographic investigator.

Kiriko



Envoy summoned to break Muhyo's contract with Pluto (which didn't end up happening).

Teeki



Dangerous entity marked as a traitor to the Magic Law Association for 800 years.

Dramatis Personae

Jiro Kusano (Roji)



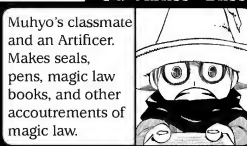
Assistant at Muhyo's office, recently promoted from the lowest rank of "Second Clerk" to that of (provisional) "First Clerk." Roji has a gentle heart and has been known to freak out in the presence of spirits. Lately, he has been devoting himself to the study of magic law so that he can pull his own weight someday.

Toru Muhyo (Muhyo)



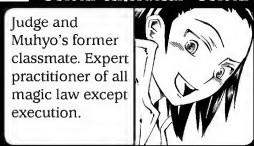
Young, genius magic law practitioner with the highest rank of "Executor." Always calm and collected (though sometimes considered cold), Muhyo possesses a strong sense of justice and even has a kind side. Sleeps a lot to recover from the exhaustion caused by his practice.

Yu Abiko (Biko)



Muhyo's classmate and an Artificer. Makes seals, pens, magic law books, and other accoutrements of magic law.

Yoichi Himukai (Yoichi)



Judge and Muhyo's former classmate. Expert practitioner of all magic law except execution.

Rio Kurotori (Rio)



Charismatic Artificer who turned traitor when the Magic Law Association stood by and let her mother die.

Soratsugu Madoka (Enchu)



Muhyo's former classmate and Executor-hopeful until one event turned him onto the traitor's path.

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ARTICLE 60
TOMAS



3RD PLACE
SORATSUGU MADOKA
1791 VOTES

1ST PLACE
TORU MUHYO
4632 VOTES

2ND PLACE
JIRO KUSANO
2868 VOTES

4TH PLACE
YOICHI HIMUKAI
1194 VOTES

6TH PLACE
REIKO IMAI
512 VOTES

5TH PLACE
YU ABIKO
966 VOTES

7TH PLACE
DARANIMARU GORYO
316 VOTES

8TH PLACE
NANA TAKENOUCHI
279 VOTES

10TH PLACE
HANO EBISU
222 VOTES

RESULTS FROM
OUR FIRST-EVER
POPULARITY
CONTEST!!

(TURN THE PAGE FOR 11TH PLACE
AND ON!)

9TH PLACE
RIO KUROTORI
256 VOTES

ARTICLE 60
TOMAS

1ST CHARACTER POPULARITY CONTEST RESULTS!!

11TH
TO
46TH
PLACE

21ST  GHOST-HAND STRIKE

22ND  TAEKO OKAZAKI

23RD  NEURO NOGAMI

24TH  RIE INOUE

25TH  KENJI SATO

26TH  THE GIRL AT BIKO'S OFFICE

27TH  THE OWL OF NO RETURN

28TH  ASSISTANT JUDGE FUJIWARA

29TH  MAGIRON MEN

30TH  ABEYUKI YONTANI

11TH  PAGE KLAUS

12TH  PLUTO LUALALIE

13TH  LILI

14TH  YOSHIYUKI NISHI

15TH  SOPHIE

16TH  MARIL

17TH  ZANSETSU HIRATA

18TH  YUURI

19TH  TEEKI

20TH  THE ADMIRAL BELOW

39TH The Hat-Shaped Haunt (Grudge)

40TH The Ghost on the Bridge

41ST Mr. Maeda

42ND Rikopin Man

43RD Sosei Okochi

44TH Goryo's Older Brother (?)

45TH The Ship Captain

46TH The Nightmare-Sucking Elephant (!)

31ST The Curry Lady

32ND The Chair that Tried to Eat Roji

33RD Moto-Kyu

34TH Sophie's Sister

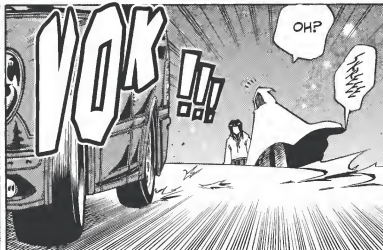
35TH Little Tomato

36TH Nana's Papa

37TH Nozomi

38TH Lurker in the Leaves

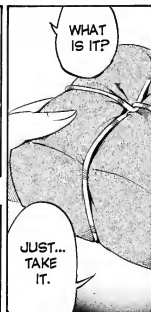
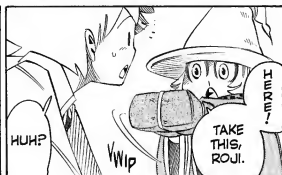


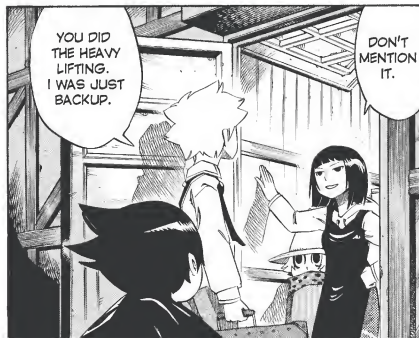
















THE
TRAVEL
BUREAU!

THERE!



WHICH ONE'S
CLOSEST
TO THE GORYO
HOUSE?

OH!
THOSE
PORTAL
THINGIES!



YOU'LL
SEE
WHEN
WE GET
THERE!

THE
TRAVEL...
WHAT?!



WE JUST
RAN INTO
EBISU!



HEEEY!
WAIT!



HEY,
YOU TWO!





...!!!



A FOR-
BIDDEN
PRACTI-
TIONER?



HEE
HEE.
TOMAS,
HUH?

HE
WAS TAKEN BY
TOMAS, ONE OF
THE FORBIDDEN
PRACTITIONERS!

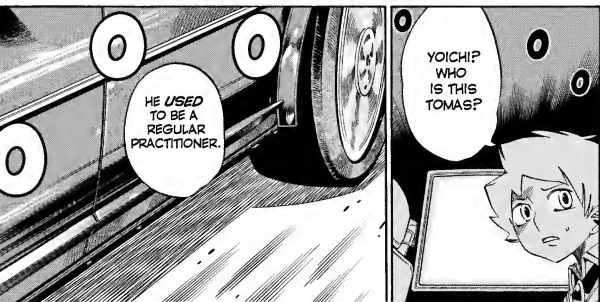


HE'S
DUNG. THE
WORST
KIND.



EXECUTOR
MUHYO,
JUDGE
HIMUKAI...







AWAREHOUSE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF YOKOHAMA

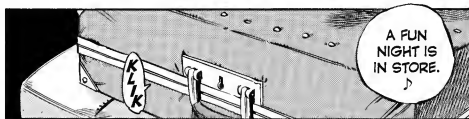
YOU THERE!

YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE!



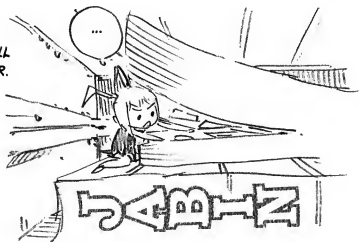






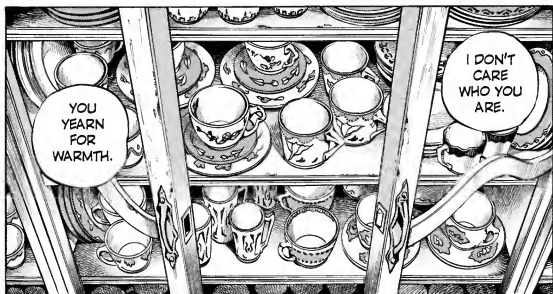
KIRIKO IN ROJI'S BAG

A
FAITHFUL
READER.



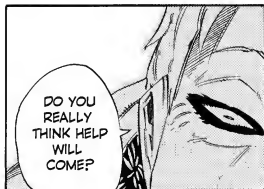
ARTICLE 61 PRETTY THINGS

IT'S HARD
BEING
ALONE.



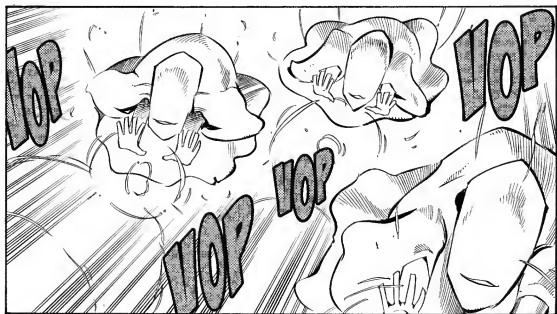












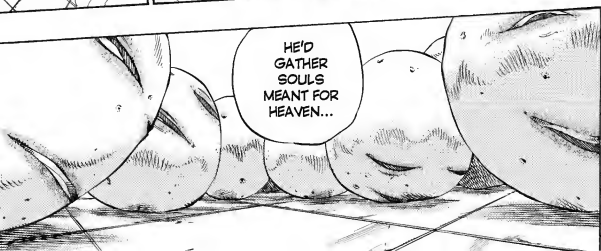
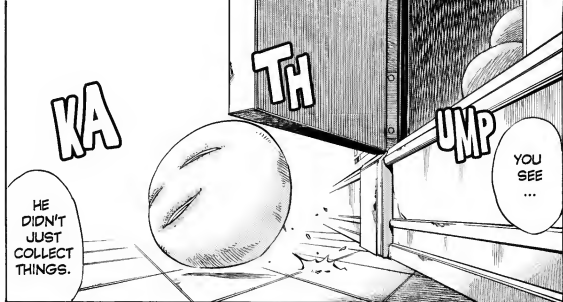




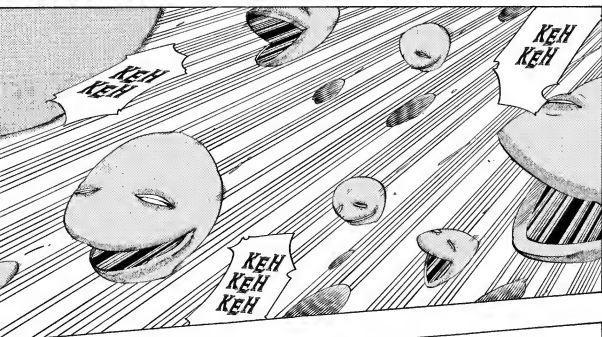








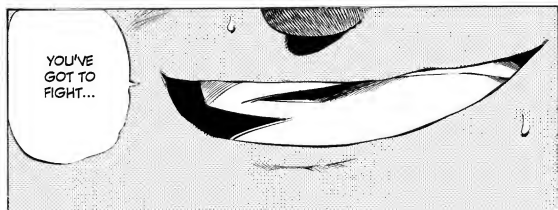


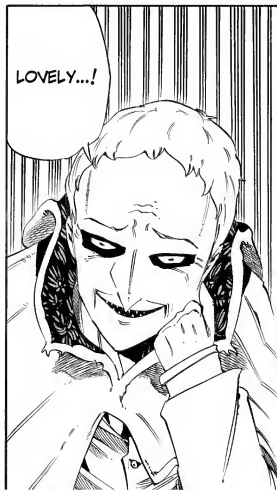














HEY, IT'S ME, BACK TO ANSWER MORE QUESTIONS!
WHAM, SOCK, POWWEE!

Q: I'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS. SORRY. m(_ _)m
-K.S., GIFU PREFECTURE

- (1) WHY IS YOICHI SO COLD TO KIRIKO?
BECAUSE SHE'S HIS ENVOY?
- (2) WHAT ABOUT THIS "AROERO" BUSINESS MUHYO
KEEPS GOING ON ABOUT? DID YOU JUST
MAKE THAT UP? AND WHAT LANGUAGE
IS "AROERO" SUPPOSED TO BE?
- (3) WHY IS ROJI SUCH A LITTLE GIRL?!
- (4) SPEAKING OF GIRLS, GORYO'S A GIRL TOO,
ISN'T HE?
- (5) AND YOICHI'S WEARING A WIG, RIGHT?
- (6) HOW MUCH HAIR GEL DOES MUHYO HAVE TO
USE EVERY MORNING?
- (7) LILI AND MARIL AREN'T JAPANESE NAMES... SO
WHERE ARE THEY FROM?
- (8) BELLOCENT IS ALWAYS GIGGLING. HOW CAN
WE MAKE HIM STOP?

A: YOW! SO MANY! ERM... LET'S SEE...

- (1) REALLY? IS HE? (2) IT SEEMED RIGHT AT THE
TIME. HE CALLS IT AN INCANTATION. THE
LANGUAGE IS UNDERSPEAK. YOU KNOW, WHAT
THEY SAY DOWN THERE. (3) YEAH, I WONDER THAT
MYSELF. (4) YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.
- (5) HAH! (6) HE SLEEPS ON IT WEIRD, THAT'S ALL.
- (7) THEY'RE BRITISH. (8) I COULD HAVE HIM
SCREAM, LIKE YOICHI. "AAAAAUGH!"

WOW, THAT WAS TOUGH...

ARTICLE 62
BONDS



MASTER
GORYO
!!!



AAAGH!



THEY
FOUND
HIM
FIRST.

TCH.



THAT
WAS
EBISU!



THESE
SHELVES
SLOWED
US
DOWN.



MAYBE
THEY
FOUND—

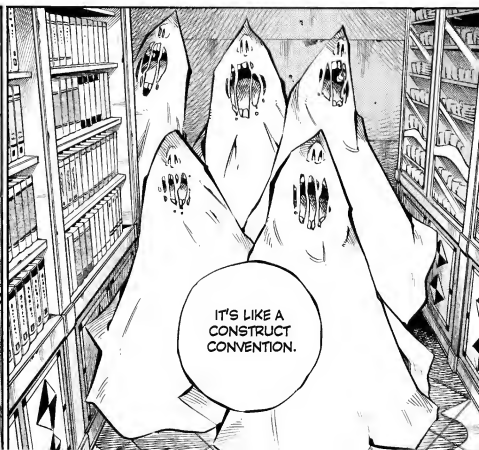
I HEARD
HIM SHOUT
"MASTER
GORYO!"



I THINK
THEY'RE IN
THE SAME
FIX WE
ARE.



SO SOMEONE'S
STILL MAKING
THEM...!



IT'S LIKE A
CONSTRUCT
CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 62
BONDS



I BELIEVE THE
SHOW'S ABOUT
TO START.

CRK

KER

SHR-
RR-
RR-
RR

SPLX

ZNG

WE'VE
GOT TO
GET THEM
OUT
BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE!

THE
WORMS
OF UN-
MAKING!

VHEE

VHEEE

!!

IT
MIGHT
WORK!

ORBS
OF
DISSI-
PATION!

WHAT
ARE
THOSE
?!

IT
BETTER!!

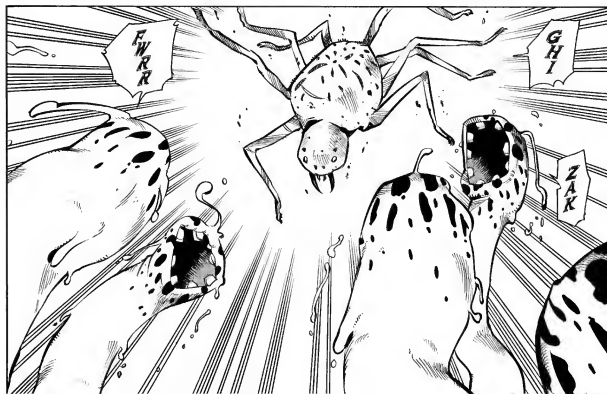
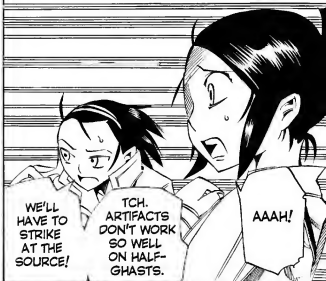
WOOSH

THE FORBIDDEN
PRACTITIONERS
USE 'EM FOR
TORTURE! THEY
EAT THE SOUL AND
TURN THE FLESH
SPECTRAL.

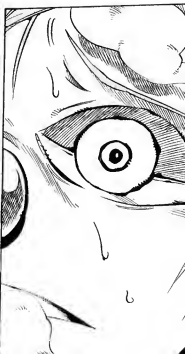
SPECTRAL
WORMS...

W-
WORMS
?!





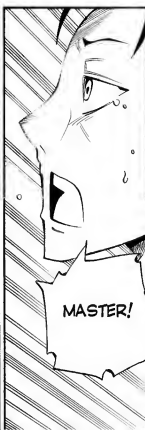


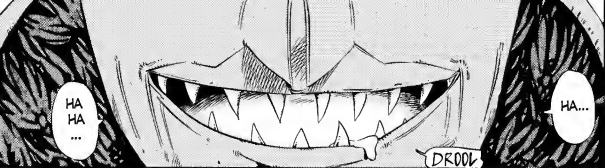


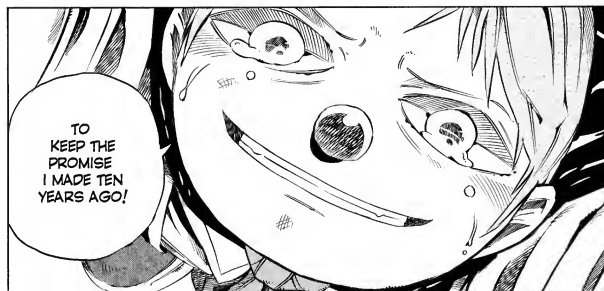










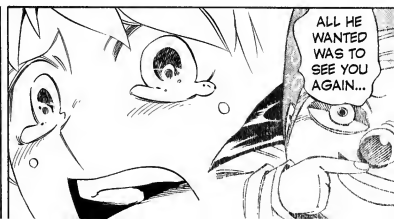




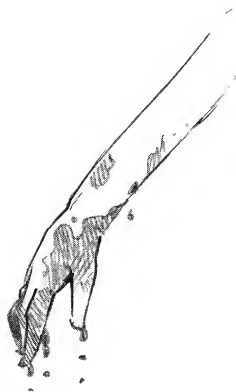


THAT
WASN'T
HOW IT WAS
SUPPOSED
TO GO...!!









MAGIC LOW E



ARTICLE 63
**BEFORE THE
STORM**





SUCH A
PERFORM-
MANCE!



GORYO
WAS SUCH
A GIFTED
STUDENT...
BUT HE
NEVER
HAD ANY
FRIENDS.



I'M
SURE IT
WAS HIS
PRIDE.



BONDS
OF PUREST
LOYALTY!

HIS
COLOR'S
FADING!



YET HE
FOUND A
PARTNER
TO LAST!



TWO
DEATHS,
CRESCEN-
DOING IN
PERFECT
HARMONY!



GET AN
AMBU-
LANCE!
CALL
THE
POLICE!

RIGHT!





YOU
DON'T
KNOW
HOW HE
FELT!



YOU
DON'T
KNOW!!



FEH.

THAT
IDIOT—
MUHYO!

SUP



YOU'LL
PAY FOR
THIS!

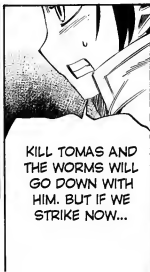
HYDOO

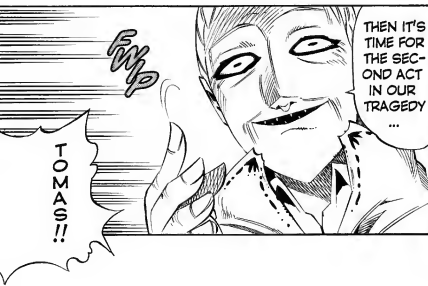


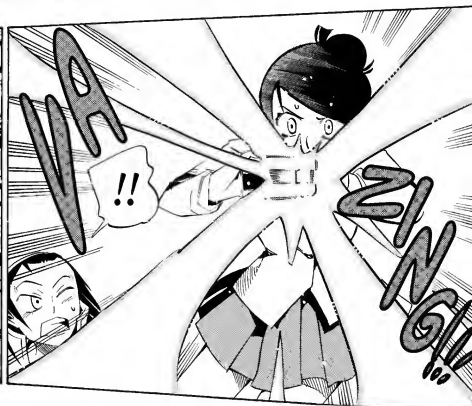
















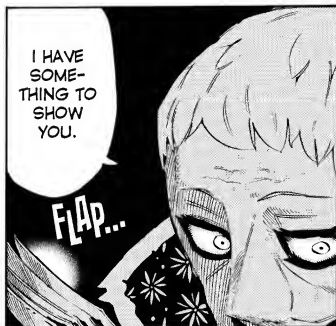




TIME
TO TAKE
OUT THE
GARBAGE!

NOW
THEN. NO
HOLDING
BACK.

Spok



I HAVE
SOME-
THING TO
SHOW
YOU.

Flap...



I HAD
HOPED TO
KEEP THIS
FOR LATER,
BUT THE
TIME IS
RIGHT.

COINCIDENCE
CAN LEAD TO
SUCH BEAUTY.

KLOP

NYE-
HAHA-
HA.

A LITTLE
ENTERTAIN-
MENT
BEFORE THE
STORM.

MAGIC LAW ACADEMY SOUTHERN TOWER

ARK?!

WHAT'S
THAT?

TOMAS.

AND
ONE
OTHER.

SO HE
SHOWS
HIMSELF
AT LAST.

TOMAS!

ARK IS
NOTHING
MORE THAN
A MOLDY
FABLE.

HMPH.
WHAT
OF IT?

HALL OF THE FOUR ELDERS

HRM...

WE HAVE
REPORTS FROM
SOME OF THE
SURVIVORS OF
THE BLAZE AT
THE GORYO
MANSION.

A
GROUP
OF MEN
IN WHITE...
TEEKI WAS
WITH
THEM...





AS
LONG AS WE
HOLD THE
FORBIDDEN
BOOK, THEY
CAN DO
WHAT
THEY—



GONE...
IT'S
GONE!

HIGH
ELDER
?!

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
HIGH
ELD—?

NO
ONE'S
SAYING
THAT.

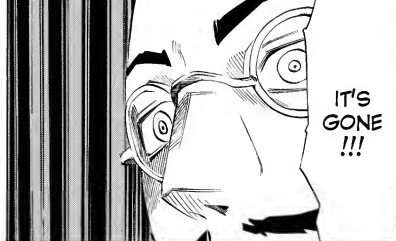
YOU
DOUBT
THE
RESULTS
OF
MY INVESTIGATION?

WHAT'S
THIS?

GORYO IS
READING WHAT
HE SOWED.
PLUS THERE
ARE RUMORS
THAT THIS
"TEEKI" IS A
FRAUD!

IT'S
AS THE
HIGH ELDER
SAYS.

FUM



IT'S
GONE
!!!



TH-
THE
FOR-
BIDDEN
BOOK!



UNAAAAH!

IT'S BEEN
UNDER
TIGHT
SECURITY
WITH THE
STRONGEST
OF WARDS!

HOW
COULD
THIS
BE?!



YOU'RE
AFTER
EVERY-
ONE.

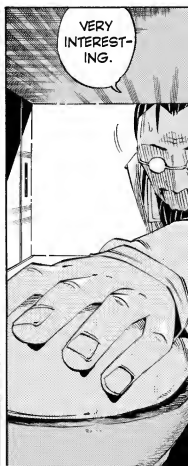
TEEKI
...



SO
YOU'RE
NOT
AFTER
JUST
US.



ARE YOU,
TEEKI?



VERY
INTEREST-
ING.

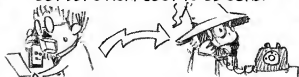


Q: I KNOW MUHYO, BIKO, YOICHI, AND ENCHU ALL WENT TO MAGIC LAW SCHOOL, BUT WHAT ABOUT ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH?

-N.S., MIYAGI PREFECTURE

A: THE M.L.S. TEACHES REGULAR SUBJECTS ALONGSIDE MAGIC LAW, LIKE MATH AND SCIENCE, SO IT COUNTS AS REGULAR SCHOOL, TOO.

AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I THINK.
BUT LET'S ASK, JUST TO BE SURE.



(ME) WELL?

(BIKO) YUP. WE HAD GYM AND ENGLISH CLASS TOO.

(ME) HUH. WHICH CLASS DID YOU LIKE THE MOST?

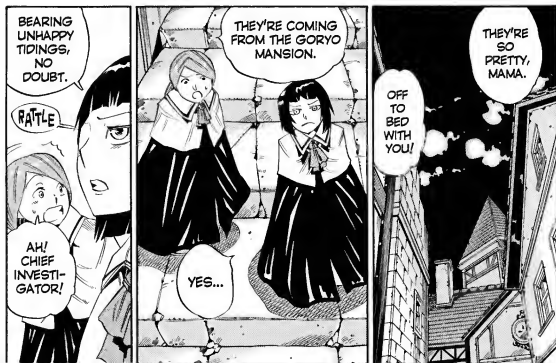
(BIKO) SCIENCE AND HOME ECONOMICS.

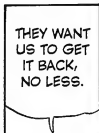
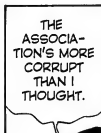
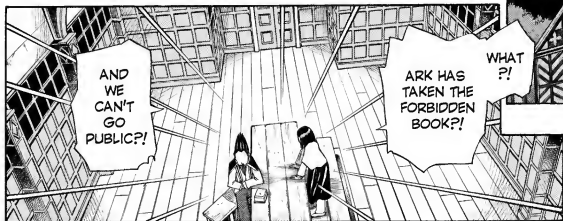
(ME) RIGHT, THAT MAKES SENSE. HOW LONG WERE SCHOOL HOURS?

(BIKO) OH, WE WENT TO FIVE O'CLOCK, EVEN ON SATURDAYS.

(ME) YIKES! COUNT ME OUT!

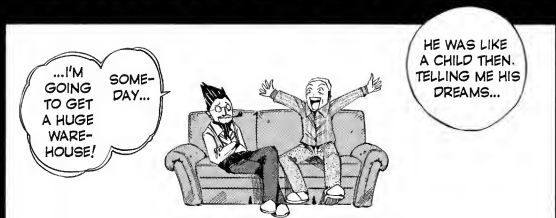
THERE YOU HAVE IT. M.L.S. IS
NO PICNIC APPARENTLY.













HIS
INNOCENT
EXTERIOR WAS
NOTHING BUT
A MASK.

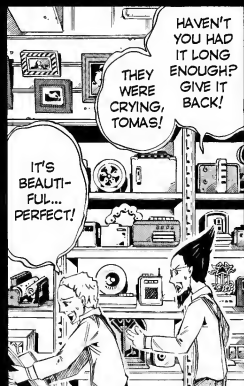
BUT HE
WAS NO
CHILD.



ALL RIGHT,
I'LL SPEAK
TO HIM.

P-
PROFESSOR
TOMAS
T-TOOK...
WAAAAH!

HELP US,
PROFESSOR
PAGE!



HAVEN'T
YOU HAD
IT LONG
ENOUGH?
GIVE IT
BACK!

THEY
WERE
CRYING,
TOMAS!

IT'S
BEAUTI-
FUL...
PERFECT!



THIS
PRESSED
FLOWER
JOURNAL MY
STUDENTS
MADE!

LOOK
AT THIS,
PAGE!





HE HAD
LOST IT.
ENTIRELY.



TOMAS
WAS A
WANTED
CRIMINAL!



HE'D
FORGED HIS
IDENTITY.



I
DEMANDED
A BACK-
GROUND
CHECK.



ABDUCTION?!!

VISH!!

ABDUCTION.

AR-
SON.
THEFT.

HE'D
BEEN
COMMITTING
CRIMES
SINCE HIS
YOUTH.



YOU'VE DONE WELL
THESE PAST FIVE
YEARS, GORYO!



M.L.S. WAREHOUSE

THE
EXECUTOR
TEST IS
TOMORROW.



FOR
FIVE
YEARS...

AH HA.
ALWAYS
THE COOL
CUSTOMER.



...YOU
NEVER
MADE ANY
FRIENDS.



?



I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
YOU, YOU
KNOW.



WHY
DID YOU
ASK ME TO
COME TO THIS
WAREHOUSE?
A FINAL
LECTURE?



YOUR
LONELI-
NESS...SO
BEAUTIFUL!

SLAP:



I DON'T
WANT TO
LET YOU
GO.



I'LL ADD
YOU TO MY
COLLECTION!



YES.

NKK

K...

WHAT...?
PROFESSOR
TOMAS!!

8



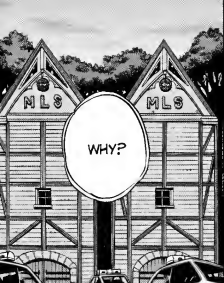
NO...
NOT A
FRIEND.
YOU'RE
A HALF-
GHOST!

SURRENDER
AND I'LL
KEEP YOU
FROM A
HARSHER
SENTENCE,
FRIEND.

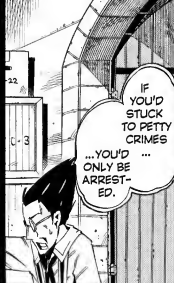
DON'T
MOVE.



HA HA!
EXQUISITE
TIMING!



WHY?



IF YOU'D STUCK TO PETTY CRIMES

... YOU'D ONLY BE ARRESTED.



HEH HEH.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.



DUST

DUST

DON'T THINK YOU'LL JUST BE KICKED OUT!



WHY DABBLE IN FORBIDDEN MAGIC LAW?!



IMMORTALITY!



HMPH. YOU'D STEAL THE FORBIDDEN BOOK? RIDICULOUS.

ITS POWER IS GREATER THAN YOU CAN HANDLE ALONE.



I NEED MORE TIME TO COMPLETE MY COLLECTION!



BUT ALL
TRACES
OF THEM
VANISHED
DECADES
AGO!

FOR GENERATIONS,
ITS MEMBERS PASSED
THEIR FORBIDDEN
KNOWLEDGE DOWN
THE LINE, ATTACKING
THE ASSOCIATION
WHenever
POSSIBLE...

THEY WERE
AN ORDER OF
FORBIDDEN LAW
PRACTITIONERS
SEEKING THE
DESTRUCTIVE
POWERS OF THE
BOOK, RIGHT?

I
THOUGHT
ARK
WAS
OLD HIS-
TORY!

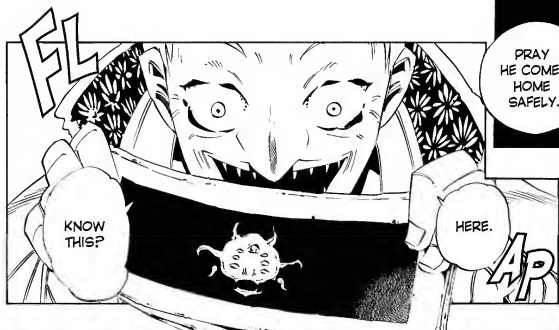


PRAY
FOR
MUHYO
THEN.

WE
CAN'T
LET
THEM
GET
AWAY
WITH
THIS.

NO.

GRIP..





NOT
REALLY.



WANT
TO HEAR
MORE? OF
COURSE
YOU DO.



YOU
KNOW
THAT.

YOU'RE
GOING
DOWN
FOR
THIS.



OOH!
SCARY!

SH
CAN YOU
HIT ME
FROM OVER
THERE?

BUT I'M NOT
DONE WITH
MY STORY!



I'LL MAKE
A PRECEDENT
RIGHT NOW!!



NOT MUCH
PRECEDENT
FOR THAT...

BUT I'M
ONLY A HALF-
GHOST!
YOU'D SENTENCE
A HALF-
PERSON?



PRECEDENT? *HEE
HEE.*



RE-
TREAT?!

I
REALIZED
...

THAT'S
WHEN
I...

I
SUFFERED
AN ATTACK
FROM HIM,
LONG
AGO...



FOR THE
CRIMES OF
ABDUCTION,
CONFINEMENT,
AND UNAU-
THORIZED
LINGERING
...

DOOK DOOK

BY THE
LAWS OF
MAGIC,
ARTICLE
1245!

DOOK
DOOK

WAAAH!

ZZT

DOOK
DOOK
DOOK
DOOK

ZZT

ZZT

IF YOU
WANT A
COLLECTION
SO BAD...

...TRY BEING
A PART OF
ONE FIRST!

I
SENTENCE
YOU TO
...

RAT



SOME-
THING'S
GOING ON
IN THERE!



...?!



HE...

HE
TALKS
OF THE
ULTIMATE
COLLEC-
TION...



BAH
...



WHAT
JUST
HAP-
PENED
?!?

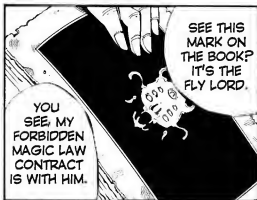


WHAT
...?



A JEWEL-
BOX FOR
A COLLEC-
TOR? HOW
CLEVER.

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
HEARD
ME OUT.



SEE THIS
MARK ON
THE BOOK?
IT'S THE
FLY LORD.

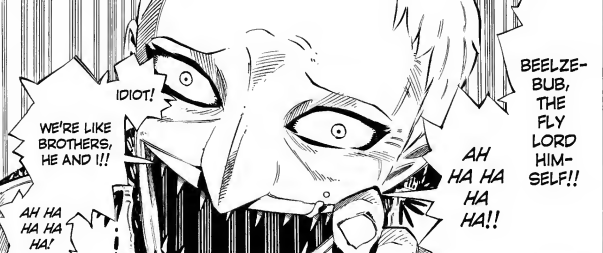
YOU
SEE, MY
FORBIDDEN
MAGIC LAW
CONTRACT
IS WITH HIM.



HEH
HEH HEH.
BRIL-
LIANT.

WHY
DIDN'T THE
SENTENCE
WORK?!

KRAK-
KRAK-
KRAK-



IDIOT!

WE'RE LIKE
BROTHERS,
HE AND !!!

AH HA
HA HA
HA!

AH
HA HA
HA HA!!

BEELZE-
BUB,
THE
FLY
LORD
HIM-
SELF!!



AH
HA HA HA
HA HA!

YEAH
...

DO
IT.

AH
HA HA
HA!



NNGK!

WARD
OF
DISSI-
PATION
!!!



I'LL
KILL
YOU!

VWUN!!!



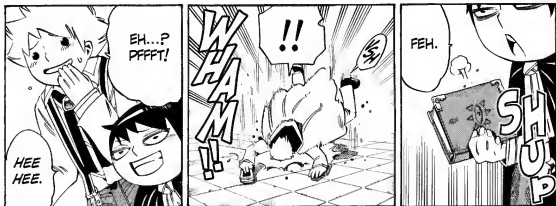
HEE
HEE.

LESS
TALK,
MORE
FIGHT,
SCUM-
WAD.



GOT
HIM!



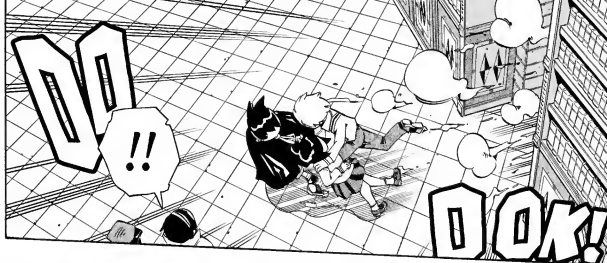




THE
STRENGTH
OF THE
BELOW!!!

















'COURSE,
EVEN IF HE
TALKS, HE'S
GOING
DOWN.



UM,
BUT...

BUT
MUHYO!
HE'S
TOUGH!



NO NEED.
WE'LL USE
MAGIC LAW
AND MAKE
HIM TALK.

WHAT
DO WE DO,
MUHYO? GO
OUT THE BACK
AND WAIT FOR
REINFORCE-
MENTS?



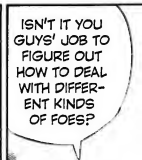
ROJI
?!

LET'S GIVE
IT A TRY,
YOICHI!



PLUS
WE
NEED
MORE
PEOPLE...
ROJI?

YEAH,
WELL,
THAT'S
NO WAY
TO ASK
FOR
HELP!!



ISN'T IT YOU
GUYS' JOB TO
FIGURE OUT
HOW TO DEAL
WITH DIFFER-
ENT KINDS
OF FOES?



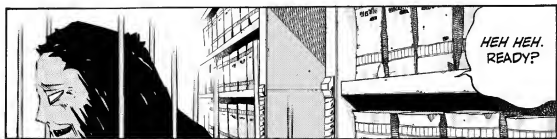
WHA
?!

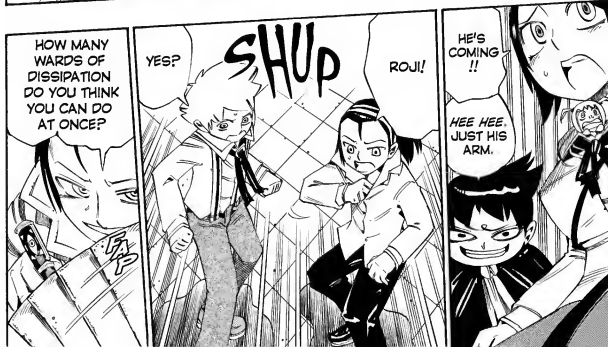
NANA
?!

YOU GO,
GIRL!

I'LL DO
WHAT I
CAN TO
HELP!



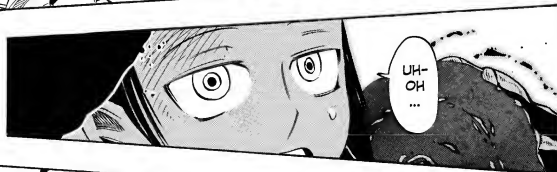
















TOO
BAD!
I WAS
CLOSE...!



C'MON
LEGS!!
I DIDN'T DO
ALL THOSE
PART-TIME
JOBS FOR
NOTHING!!!



I'M
GUESSING
HE'S MADE
OF TEMPER-
ING, THAT
ONE.

AND HE
CAN ABSORB
ANYTHING
WE THROW
AT HIM!



WE CAN'T
BEAT THAT
THING!



WE
CAN.


WE'LL
FIND A
WEAK-
NESS!



YOU
SAVED
ME!

PANT
PANT

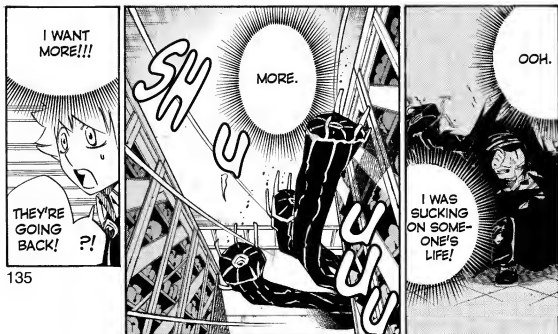
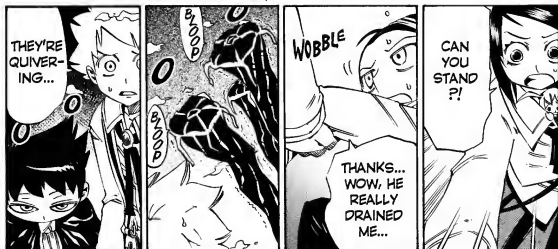
WUMP



Q: ARE THERE A FEW KINDS OF
"UNDERSPEAK" (MUHYO'S "ARO..."
AND GORYO'S "SORIADE...")? IS IT
DIFFERENT FOR EACH EXECUTOR?
-T., YAMANASHI PREFECTURE

A: SEVERAL DIALECTS OF UNDER-
SPEAK ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST,
OR MAYBE THEY'RE MORE LIKE
ACCENTS. EXECUTORS PROBABLY
CHANGE THEIR DIALECT BASED ON
THE ENVOY THEY WISH TO SUMMON.
THAT'S WHAT I HEAR.

ARTICLE 66 ABSORPTION



ARTICLE 66
ABSORPTION





GO
FARTHER
DOWN!

THE
NEXT
ONE'S
COMING
DOWN!





SH
POK
OOOH
POK
OOOH
POK
OOOH
POK
OOOH

FWA
HA HA
HA
HA!



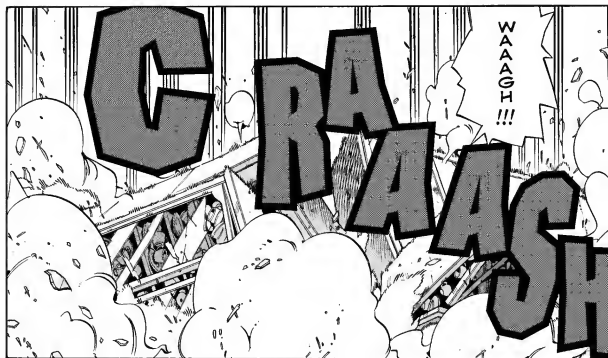
I CAN'T
SEE A
THING!

LOOK
OUT?!

LOOK
OUT,
NANA!

VO
H
OHO





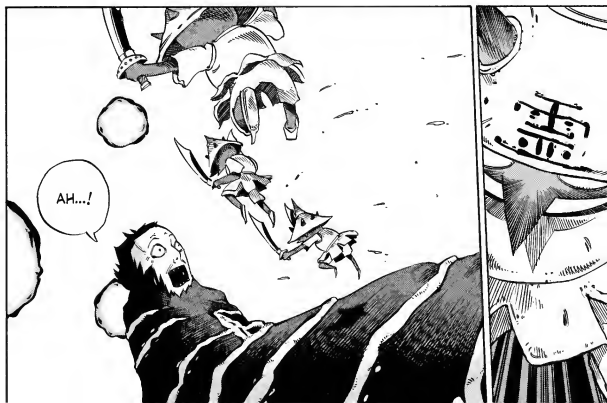












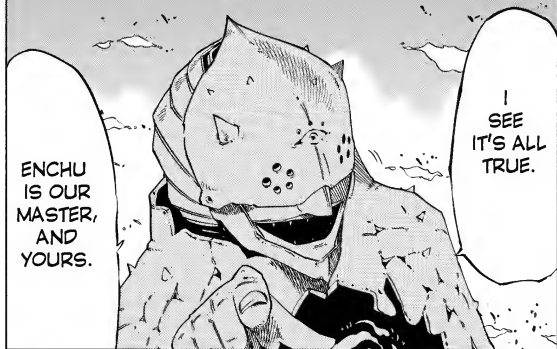


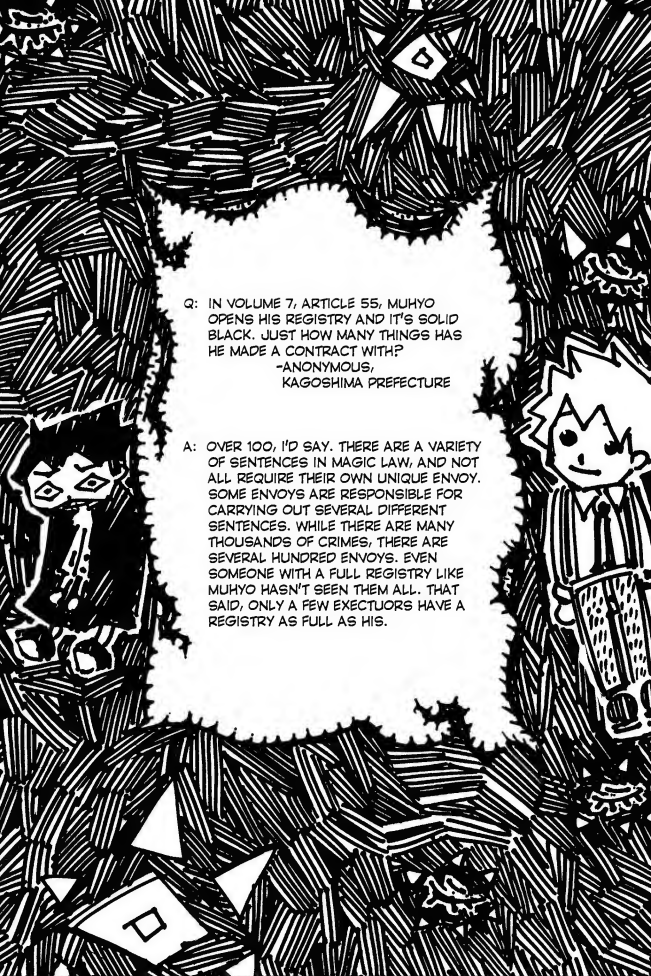








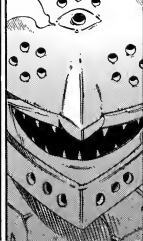
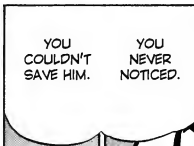




Q: IN VOLUME 7, ARTICLE 55, MUHYO
OPENS HIS REGISTRY AND IT'S SOLID
BLACK. JUST HOW MANY THINGS HAS
HE MADE A CONTRACT WITH?

-ANONYMOUS,
KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE

A: OVER 100, I'D SAY. THERE ARE A VARIETY
OF SENTENCES IN MAGIC LAW, AND NOT
ALL REQUIRE THEIR OWN UNIQUE ENVOY.
SOME ENVOYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
CARRYING OUT SEVERAL DIFFERENT
SENTENCES. WHILE THERE ARE MANY
THOUSANDS OF CRIMES, THERE ARE
SEVERAL HUNDRED ENVOYS. EVEN
SOMEONE WITH A FULL REGISTRY LIKE
MUHYO HASN'T SEEN THEM ALL. THAT
SAID, ONLY A FEW EXECTUORS HAVE A
REGISTRY AS FULL AS HIS.





WH-
WHA-
?!

EEEE!



THE EFFECTS
OF ACUTE
SPECTRAL-
IZATION.

AH!

WHAT
IS THAT
?!



HIS
LITTLE SUIT
COST HIM
A CHUNK
OF HIS SOUL!



SPOOK...

HE IS
NOT AS
TAINTED
AS I AM!



AFTER ALL, I GET TO
ADD ENEMIES OF ARK
TO MY COLLECTION.

HEH HEH.
A PRICE
GLADLY
PAID.

A

A

A

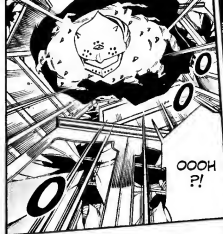
SHA...

ARTICLE 67
SOMETHING COMPLETE

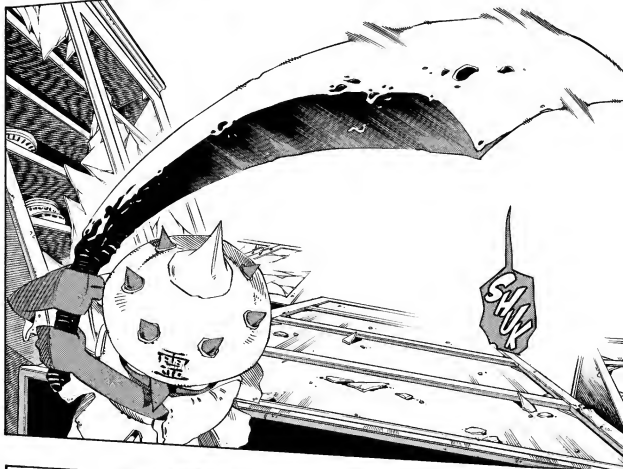








OOOH
?!



SHY

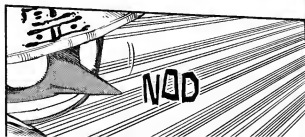
THE
ADMIRAL
BELOW MIGHT
RANK FIRST
AMONG THE
WARRIORS,
BUT THEY'RE
CERTAINLY IN
THE TOP TEN.

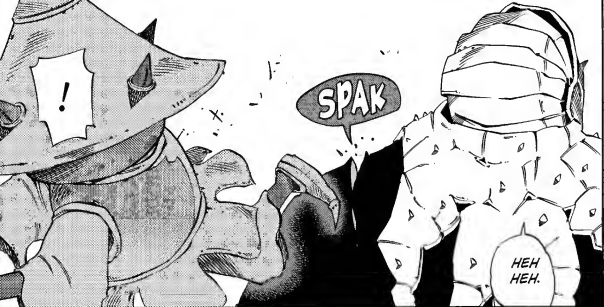
THE
STRIKES
HAVE
VAST
RESERVES
OF
POWER.

HE ADDED
TEMPERING!

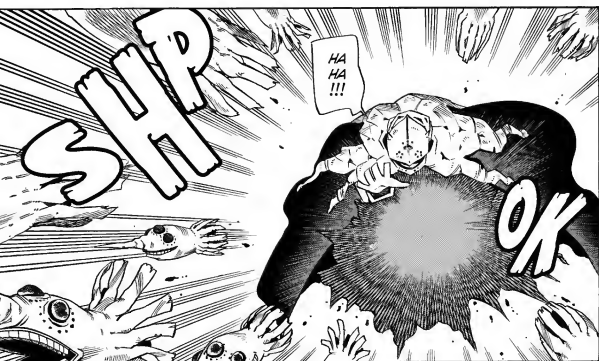
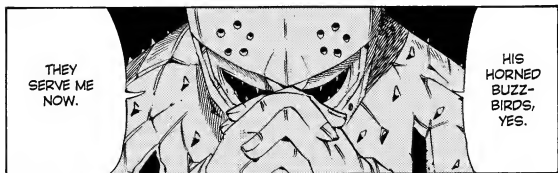
HOW'D
IT GET
SO BIG
?!

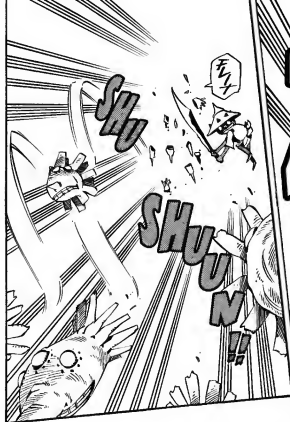


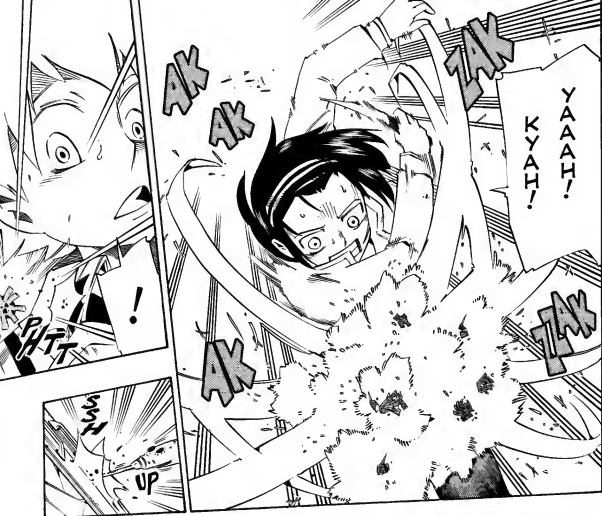














LORD
MADOKA
IS QUITE
SINCERE,
YOU KNOW.

WHY
CHASTISE
YOUR
FRIENDS
FOR THEIR
CURIOSITY?

YET MAGIC
LAW IS
FAR TOO
INCOMPLETE...
MUCH LIKE
MY SOUL.

ALL MEN ARE
DRAWN TO
THAT WHICH
IS COMPLETE.



HE CHOSE
HIS PATH
HONESTLY.



ZUN...

ZUN...



I MEAN,
THE PLAN WE
TALKED
ABOUT...

OW, OUCH ...

YOU SURE
ABOUT
THIS,
MUHYO?



THEY'RE
RECOUPING.
THEY DON'T
LAST LONG.



THINK
YOUR
STRIKES
ARE
OKAY?



ZUN...

ZUN...





HMPH.



ENCHU
SAID
SOME-
THING
SIMILAR
BEFORE.

COMPLETE...
HUH.



ENCHU...

REMEMBER,
MUHYOP



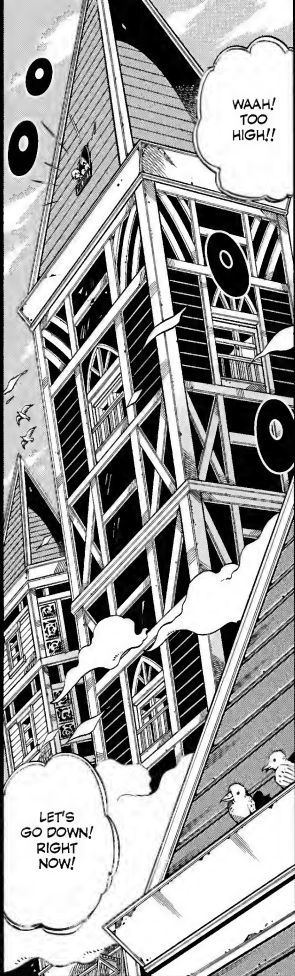
NOT
FOR A
WHILE.

THEY
HAVEN'T
TALKED
ABOUT
HIM.

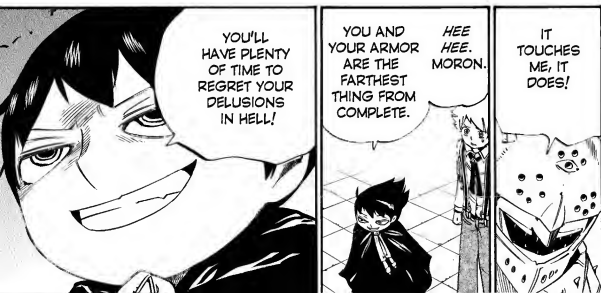
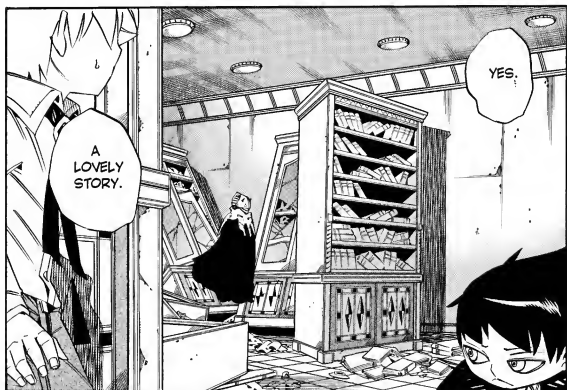


THAT DAY
WHEN WE
SKIPPED
SCHOOL...

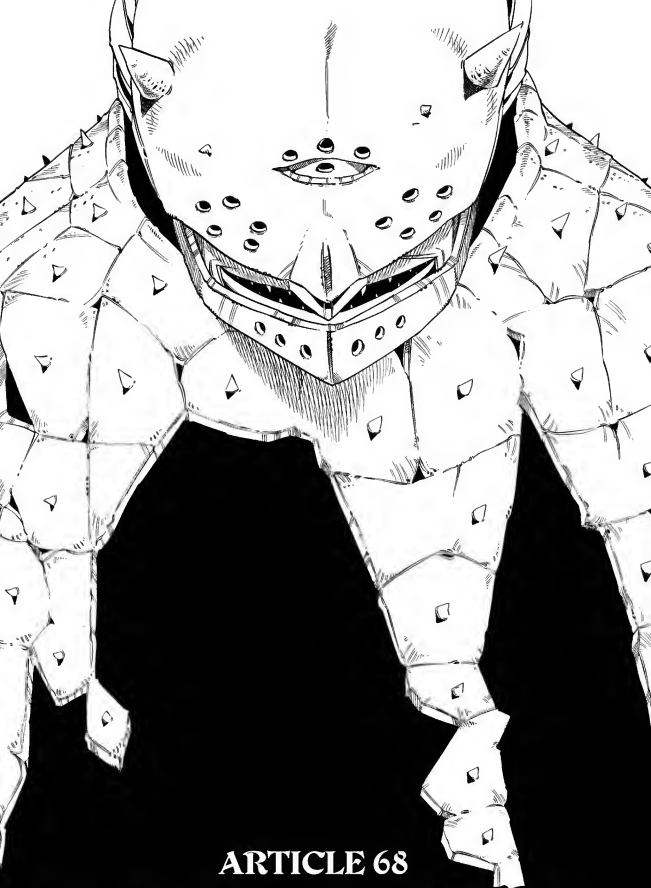
WE
CLIMBED THE
SOUTHERN
TOWER.





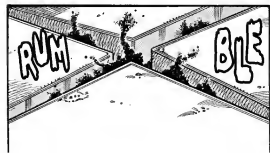
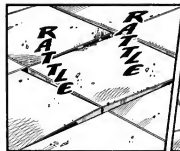






ARTICLE 68

FINDERS KEEPERS







STYXSAND.



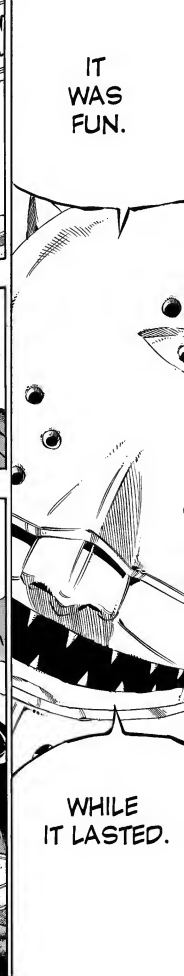
YIKES!
THE
FLOOR'S
CAVING
IN!



GET TO
HIGHER
GROUND!



AH,
THIS.



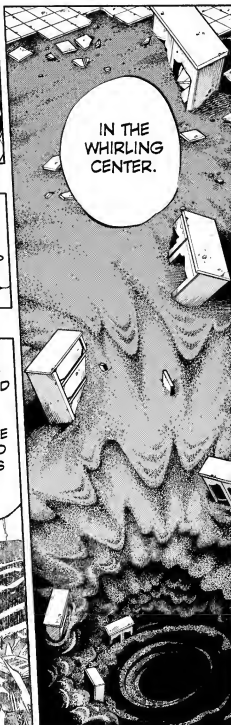
IT
WAS
FUN.

WHILE
IT LASTED.

















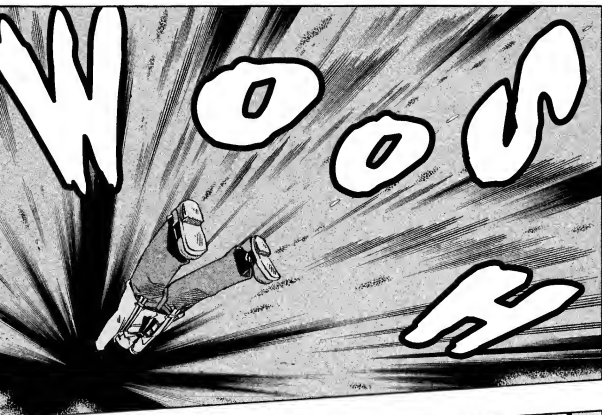
TOO BAD.
YOU CAN'T FIT
AN ELEPHANT
THROUGH A
NEEDLEHEAD!
KEH KEH KEH.



THAT
SPROUT?



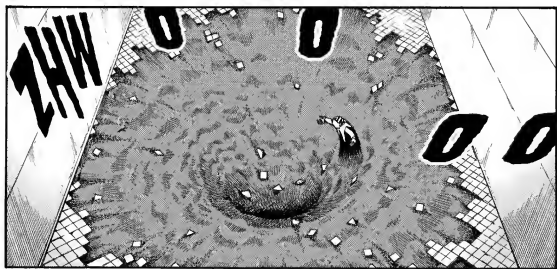
...



!...! I DON'T THINK
I CAN GO STRAIGHT
DOWN LIKE HE
SAID!

THE
PRESSURE
IS WORSE
THAN I
IMAGINED...







AND
WE'RE OUT
OF TIME!



IT'S
ALMOST A
MINUTE NOW,
MUHYO...



...!
WE'RE
ON OUR
LAST
BOOKCASE!



NOT
YET.



HUH?



YOU
THERE?

KIRIKO?





